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DAILY BRIEF
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1. North Vietnam

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2. South Vietnam

General Vinh Loc, commander of the II Corps area in the Vietnamese highlands, is reported in a Saigon hospital. The rumors have it he will not be going back to his headquarters.

Ky does want to cut some of the powerful corps commanders down to size, but he thinks highly of Loc. He may be planning to use Loc as a replacement for the [] IV Corps commander, General Dan Van Quang, []

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3. Communist China

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air traffic in northwest China was grounded for several hours today. This may have been caused by bad weather,

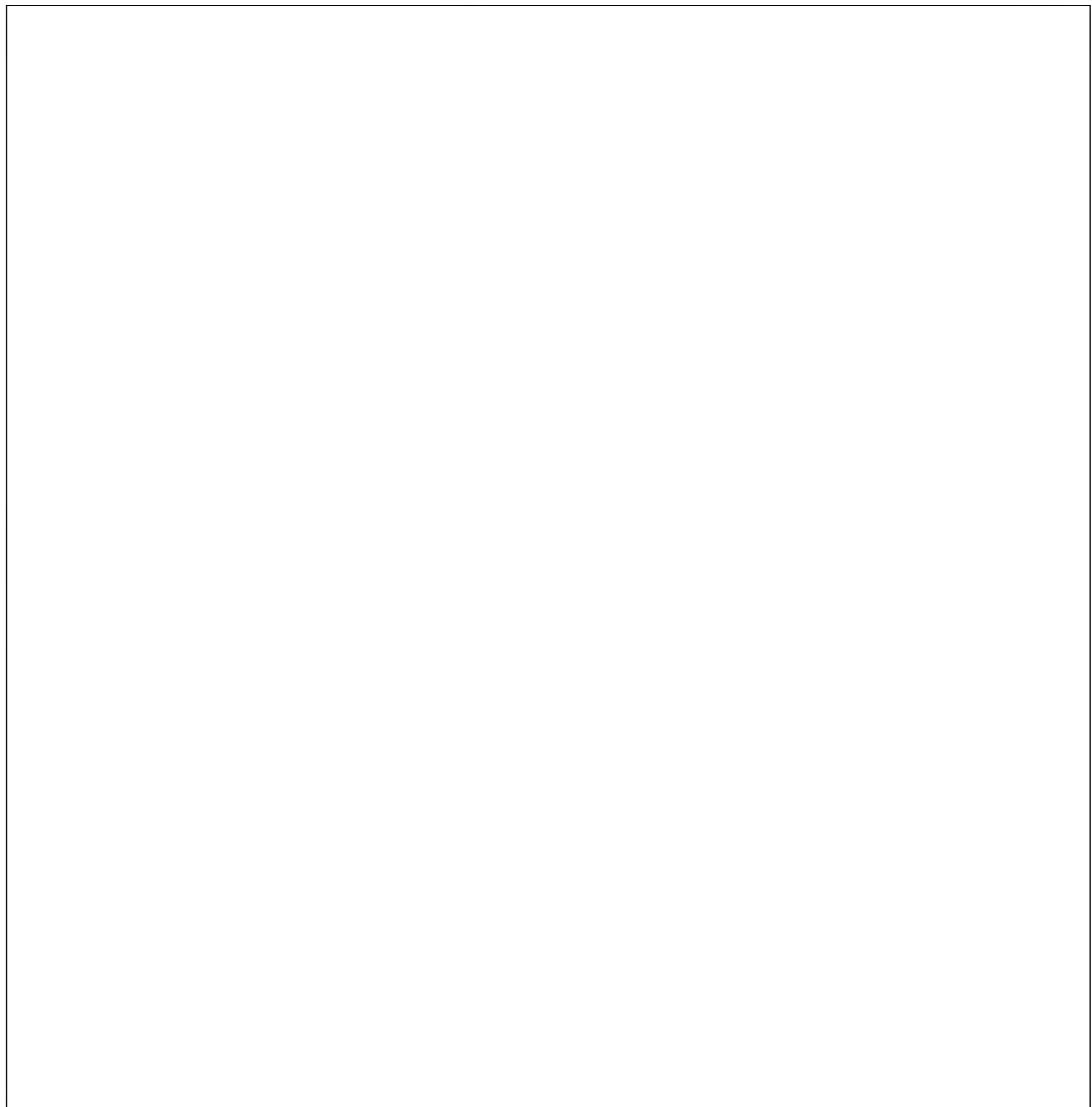
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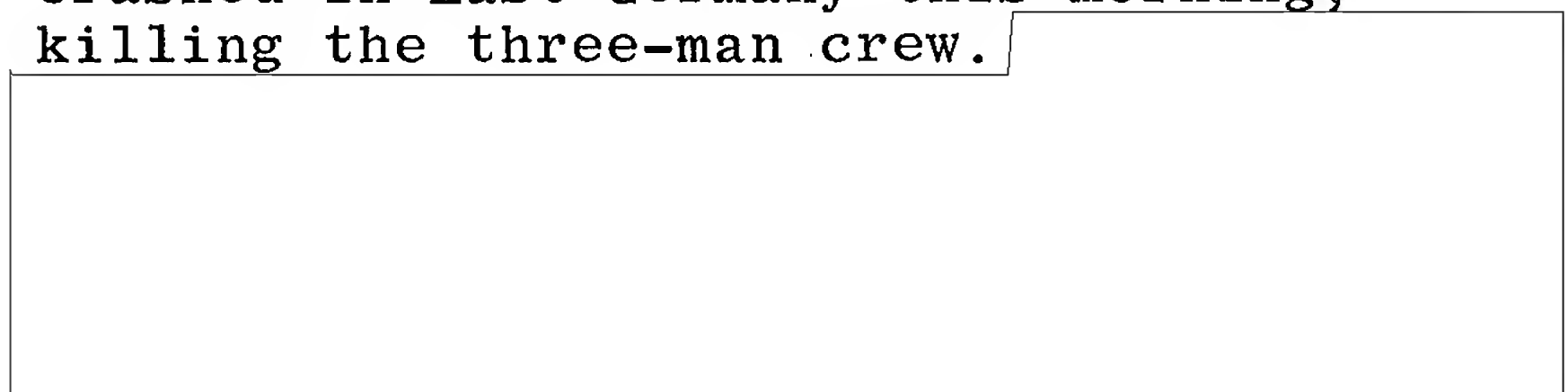
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5. Soviet Union

The Russians are very much interested in the Pan American jetliner which crashed in East Germany this morning, killing the three-man crew.



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US officials are still trying to get permission to go to the crash, but we expect the Soviets to be rather uncooperative. They will unquestionably see this as the time to retaliate for the treatment they received last April when one of their fighters crashed in the British sector of Berlin.



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6. Israel-Jordan

The situation is moving from bad to worse. Ambassador Burns in Amman says that pressure is building for Jordan not to wait for another attack, but to attack Israel now.

The first demonstration--a nasty one--protesting the government's inaction took place near the scene of the Israeli incident today. The ambassador feels that Husayn may come to believe that he must vindicate his leadership by striking at Israel in order to save himself.

So far the King has stood firm against attacking Israel now, but says he will certainly be forced to do so if Israel strikes again. He also says he expects the US to provide him arms and to restrain Israel.

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